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Representative Carter

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF HEALTH PROFESSION REGULATORY BOARDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Health boards: transfer to department of health
3 services: schedule: definition

4 A. The department of health services succeeds to the administrative
5 authority of the following health profession regulatory boards in the
6 following fiscal years:

7 1. In fiscal year 2016-2017:

- 8 (a) Acupuncture board of examiners.
- 9 (b) State board of dispensing opticians.
- 10 (c) Board of homeopathic and integrated medicine examiners.
- 11 (d) Board of occupational therapy examiners.
- 12 (e) Board of respiratory care examiners.

13 2. In fiscal year 2017-2018:

- 14 (a) State board of podiatry examiners.
- 15 (b) Naturopathic physicians medical board.
- 16 (c) State board of optometry.
- 17 (d) Board of physical therapy.
- 18 (e) State board of psychologist examiners.
- 19 (f) State board of chiropractic examiners.
- 20 (g) Medical radiologic technology board of examiners.

21 3. In fiscal year 2018-2019:

- 22 (a) Arizona board of osteopathic examiners in medicine and surgery.
- 23 (b) State board of dental examiners.
- 24 (c) Board of behavioral health examiners.

25 4. In fiscal year 2019-2020:

- 26 (a) Arizona regulatory board of physician assistants.
- 27 (b) Arizona state board of nursing.
- 28 (c) Arizona medical board.

29 B. Beginning on the effective date of this section, a health
30 profession regulatory board may not enter into any new contract or renew any
31 existing contract without the approval of the director of the department of
32 health services.

33 C. This act does not alter the effect of any actions taken or impair
34 the valid obligations of the health profession regulatory boards prescribed
35 in subsection A of this section before July 1 of the respective fiscal year
36 prescribed in subsection A of this section.

37 D. All administrative matters and contracts, whether completed,
38 pending or in process, of a health profession regulatory board on July 1 in
39 the respective fiscal year prescribed in subsection A of this section are
40 transferred to and retain the same status with the department of health
41 services.

42 E. All certificates, licenses, registrations, permits and other
43 indicia of qualification and authority that were issued by a health
44 profession regulatory board retain their validity for the duration of their
45 terms of validity as provided by law.

1 F. All tangible and intangible property and assets, all obligations
2 and all data and investigative findings of the health profession regulatory
3 boards are transferred to the department of health services in the respective
4 fiscal year prescribed in subsection A of this section.

5 G. All personnel under the state personnel system who are employed by
6 a health profession regulatory board are transferred in the respective fiscal
7 year prescribed in subsection A of this section to comparable positions and
8 pay classifications in the department of health services.

9 H. For the purposes of this section, "health profession regulatory
10 board" means any board that issues a certificate, license, permit or
11 registration to a person pursuant to title 32, chapter 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15,
12 15.1, 16, 17, 19, 19.1, 25, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35 or 39 Arizona Revised
13 Statutes.

14 Sec. 2. Legislative intent

15 It is the intent of the legislature that this act will streamline and
16 modernize processes for health profession licensees and certificate holders
17 in this state, promote consistency in the regulation of health professionals
18 and promote administrative efficiencies while ensuring the protection of the
19 public's health and safety.

20 Sec. 3. Conforming changes

21 The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed legislation
22 conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the provisions of this act for
23 consideration by the legislature.